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Today's Topics:

 A real use for CW
 Codeless Technician

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Rick Aldom <ayka60@email.sps.mot.com> writes:

> This past weekend I had a real opportunity to put CW to the real test. I
> was Elk hunting in the woods, and my hunting buddy and I both had those
> 49Mhz vox headsets. While walking thru the woods, I came up on a bedded
> down elk and wanted to communicate that to my buddy. I started tapping
> out E L K on the PTT switch.....when it dawned on me he didn't have a
> clue what in the hell I was saying.....CW is a wonderfull medium for
> communication!

Sounds to me like you should have taken a more CW-literate hunting buddy
with you.

--Robert

Date: 16 Sep 1993 17:29:11 GMT
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In article Gyl@news.Hawaii.Edu, jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

>Hey Dana, that's not fair! No where in my article did I ever try to equate
>anyone as a scumbag; I don't call anyone names for the views they hold. I
>thought my post was rather gentle compared to others that appear in this
>debate.

I'll certainly agree that your flames have been tame compared to some, but you certainly appeared to draw the conclusion that "anti-code" amateurs are lesser than those who like code. Go back and read your recent few postings, I think you'll see what I mean. Here's a recent comment you posted:

Hmmmm, do I see a connection here between being too lazy to use
a dictionary and being too lazy to learn code?

IMHO, I think you've got a little bias against "non-code" types, but I'm willing to be corrected. I could send you every message you've posted recently, if that would help :-).

>Also, I've gotten very, very positive responses concerning the QRP CW
>xmtrs I've been posting on r.r.a.h - I've received email from no-license
>folks studying their code and theory who say they can't wait to build
>some of the xmtrs, and even email from no-code techs who are building
>their code speed and want to construct the xmtrs. Yours is the first
>negative remark I received. I'm just trying to do a small part in
>getting folks interested in building their own rigs.

My remark isn't meant to be negative. My remark is meant to make a positive contribution, also, by getting people to learn how things work rather than simply trying to duplicate someone else's design. Posting schematics is a lot of work for you to draw them using ASCII art, and can be difficult to read. Furthermore, you aren't able to include photographs of the finished product, and photos can be quite valuable in showing how to construct a project.

At the same time, I'm not suggesting that everyone has to design their own equipment when starting out. One of the best ways to get started in homebrew is to construct a known working project and then carry on from there.

The book I suggested, "Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur", is an excellent combination of project construction and pragmatic theory. It only costs maybe \$12 and is worth every penny. It could be an excellent starting point for net.discussion.

>We can study the necessary theory from the proper textbooks to pass our license
>exam, but there is no substitute for the knowledge gained when we have
>to find the proper wire and form to actually wind our own coils,
>determine the correct L and C values for a resonant circuit at a given fre-
>quency, finding proper substitutions for hard-to-find components, and all
>the other little duties necessary when we construct our own gear. The
>knowledge gained is immense (and fun, too!). I'm glad to be able to share
>this experience with others.

I really appreciate that. Again, "Solid State Design..." goes into a great deal of detail on these very subjects, and you don't have to type it all in. Another excellent book, by the way, is "QRP Classics", another ARRL pub which reproduces a large number of good radio projects from QST, and also include a number of technical articles which detail some oft misunderstood theory. For example, many experimenters put Zener diodes on the collectors of RF amplifiers to protect the transistor; in _QRP Classics_ it is explained why this works (hint: it has nothing to do with the diode Zener clamping action).

I'd certainly encourage you to continue to share your experience, Jeff.
I was simply pointing out a way you could leverage existing resources.

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Subject : Re: Neighborhood watch groups

>>: Or...establish your OWN repeater.

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>>OH? On what freqs? There are none left that won't QRM existing ones.

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>I don't think a repeater is needed. Most neighborhood watch groups only cover
>an area of less than 1/2 mile in extent, so HT's should work fine, and if
>needed, a base station could handle relays.

How about one of those simplex repeaters? Would this be good/bad idea?

Dave/KD6RRS

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